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An employee in the Government Indian Service to whom reports of the work of The National Indian Association had been sent, recently wrote: "The Gospel is what the Indians need, and it is such tidings as these missionary notes that keep up our faith for their ultimate redemption. The Indian is as restless as other men now-a-days, and not until he has the love of God in his heart and consideration for his fellow man, will he have that sedative that enables men to become self-supporting and self-respecting citizens."

The letters from our mission station among the Rocky Boy Band of Chippewa and Cree Indians in Montana, published in the columns of each issue of this paper, tell of the great needs of those Indians and of the earnest and untiring efforts of our workers to meet them.

The activities at that mission station include:

1. Religious services in the chapel.
2. Visiting the Indians and placing copies of the New Testament

in the Cree language in the homes.

3. Evening school for the young men who, by reason of their heretofore nomadic life, have not had educational advantages.
4. Boys' club with manual training and indoor and outdoor games.
5. Women's meetings for sewing, helpful talks, games, social hour and luncheon.
6. Girls' club with various features, such as sewing, games and luncheon.
7. Fresh air room, where a sick Indian needing special care is looked after by our workers.
8. Sick and needy relief (including supplies of fresh milk, eggs and other nourishing food, and the dispensing of simple home remedies in case of minor illness).
9. Bead-work industry—now developed by our workers to the point where it is an important factor in the support of several Indian families.

This bare enumeration of the varied activities at Rocky Boy Mission indicates a community work which helpfully touches those hitherto neglected Indians at every point of human need. But the financial support received is inadequate, and the work will suffer unless a larger support is given to it. Instead of the work being curtailed, it should be enlarged. Further expansion is not possible until the present work is adequately supported.

After several decades of wandering, the Rocky Boy Indians are permanently settled. They have not had the advantages which most Indian tribes have had, and we are helping them along the new trail which leads to Christian American citizenship. They will be retarded in their forward steps if this work is cut down. Will you not help to prevent any retrogression by sending a contribution toward the support of the work to the Treasurer of The National Indian Association, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York?

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